

Belmont Cultural Council Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2003  
Staff Room, Belmont Public Library

Members Present: Harriet Barnett, Phil Hughes, Trey Klein, Rebecca Richards, Nan Rogers, Carlha Vickers

Absent: Viva Fisher, Patty Mihelich, Neely McNulty, Barbara Owens, Jennifer Smith

February meeting minutes were not available for review.

Watertown Arts on the Charles site visit - Rebecca and Nan reported on attending a gathering at Panera Bread and the future site of the arts center, held on February 24, 2003. This was an informal presentation to a group of roughly 35 Belmont residents who had been identified as friends of the arts. WATCH is currently looking to broaden their audience and expand their support base in an effort to complete their capital campaign and begin construction in the Fall of 2003. With over \$5 million dollars already raised, \$1.5 million remains. Rebecca and Nan have copies of the prospectus. More information is available at [www.watertownarts.org](http://www.watertownarts.org)

Arts in Your Community Week (April 6-12) - Charlesbank Bookshop has given us permission to place a display board in their window for this week. This will be an opportunity for exposure, provide basic information about our purpose and focus on grant recipients from this year as well as a sampling from previous years. Rebecca and Nan will be putting this together using photos and logos collected from recipients and past files.

Membership - Nan announced she has received notice from Barbara Owens that she needs to resign due to the many obligations and responsibilities she is faced with. Barbara is committed to the BCC and does not want to hold a seat in our organization and not be able to make a meaningful contribution. We will miss Barbara and thank her for all she *did* contribute during her membership.

Harriet Barnett has announced that she will not renew her BCC membership this year. Harriet will complete a three year term on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to a change in her husband's business travel and the impact this will have on their family, Harriet realizes she will not have the flexibility for evening meetings and the responsibilities associated with BCC membership. We will also miss Harriet and extend thanks for the many ways in which she contributed to the council.

Announcements will be placed in the Citizen-Herald for membership opportunities on the council for next fiscal year.

Discussion that began in February continued on a citizen's arts coalition. Issues such as space in town, and how the Watertown Arts on the Charles art center will impact Belmont were discussed.

Trey gave a quick PDA committee update, informing us that the drawings for the Annex were sent out to bid last week.

Next meeting date is Thursday, May 1, 2003.

Submitted by: Nan Rogers  
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